

obtained to that effect. And for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and Agreements herein before expressed, and set forth, the said Angus Mackintosh and John Hembrow do bind themselves each to the other in the penal sum of One hundred and Sixty pounds New York Currency. IN WITNESS whereof, they have to these presents, set their hands, and affixed their seals at Detroit aforesaid, this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety Six

Signed Angus Mackintosh Ex^r

Signed, sealed & delivered

in the presence of

Signed, Rich^d Donovan¹⁰³

Signed John Askin in behalf of
Jn^o Hembrow acting by Power of
Attorney

Endorsed: Detroit Nov^r 19^h 1796 Lease of a Farm on Gross Isle from Angus Mackintosh Esquire to Jn^o Embro (Copy)

AMITY BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICANS

Niagara. 19th Nov^r 1796

Dear Sir, As a certain description of people are entitled by the Kings Instructions, & others by provincial Authority, to have their deeds free of any Expence; I am in hopes that the Government will fall upon some plan of making it easy to those who reside at a distance; this has been agitated in conversation but nothing settled. there are some difficulties to be got over, but they are all I hope, to be compassed.

I am glad to hear so good an account of your New Acquaintances. the conduct of the British Merchants have been universally to be admired; the unanimity they have shewn at Detroit, is very singular. I fear your moving may

¹⁰³ Various papers and accounts in the B. H. Coll. indicate that Richard Donovan was engaged in trade in Detroit. His name is among those who, in 1795, signified their intention of remaining British subjects, but he seems not to have removed from Detroit for on Dec. 6, 1805, Peter Audrain, clerk, issued a letter of administration to Angus McIntosh on the estate of Donovan, who had recently died intestate. The manuscripts in Donovan's hand which have been preserved disclose a rarely beautiful penmanship. Information adapted from *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, VIII, 411, and mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*.